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1. At a meeting of Eastern Sector Police Präsidium officials on 9 September 1948, Schilling, Chief of Abteilung 4 (Trade and Industry Police), stated that police officials who stayed at their posts in the Eastern Sector when the Berlin police split should utilize the present phase to achieve maximum professional knowledge; in the not too distant future they will receive more important posts. They should put down 15 October in their notebooks. That will be a day everybody will long remember.

2. Major Kvasov, Acting Chief of Tägliche Rundschau, stated that the Soviets are reconciled to the continued presence of the Western Powers in Berlin, but that the political situation will be changed so radically by 15 October that the Western Powers, while still present physically, will have no influence politically.

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        Comment: The above two reports and the three contained in   25X1A
may indicate:

a. A Soviet-backed SED attempt to remove the present pro-western city government by force prior to the scheduled city election.

b. A Soviet-sponsored rumor campaign to influence Quadripartite negotiations with rumors accepted as facts even by Russian and Communist personnel. It cannot yet be determined which version is more likely.)

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